



### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A closing unit with rigidly mounted supporting rails (2), a stationary (6) and a movable (12) clamping plate, has a pivot bearing (14, 15) behind each of these clamping plates (6, 12). A closing drive (23) is hinged in these pivot bearings (14, 15) so that it can freely move between said pivot bearings (14, 15) and the closing forces exercised by the closing drive (23) can exercise no bending moment on the machine frame (2, 3).